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Re: Authorization to Reduce Reclamation Surety, Rancho Equipment Services, Topaz Valley Limestone Quarry, M/023/022, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On May 25, 2000, Division staff, at your request, inspected the Topaz Valley Limestone Quarry to determine if the reclamation work (regrading of the quarry highwalls and spreading of topsoil) performed by Rancho Equipment Services (Rancho) was satisfactory and in concert with Rancho's approved reclamation plan.

The inspection determined that the area was satisfactorily reclaimed, except for reseeding and mulching of 15.8 acres of mining related disturbance. This acreage includes the quarry area and a .4 mile long access road. It was also determined that Rancho, as an act of good faith, reclaimed approximately two additional acres of prelaw, unrelated surface disturbance. You are to be commended for this extra reclamation work.

The Division has determined that \$11,800 needs to be retained for equipment mobilization, fertilization & mulch, and to disk & seed the 15.8 acres. The Division currently holds a \$40,900 reclamation surety bond #39197594 issued by The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania. You may have the insurance company issue a rider reducing the surety to \$11,800 or you may post another form of surety. If another form of surety is posted, a new reclamation contract will also be required to accompany the new surety. Please advise us if you wish to post another form of surety so we can provide you with the appropriate forms.

Thank you for your reclamation efforts. If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please contact D. Wayne Hedberg or Tom Munson at (801) 538-5286 or 538-5321 respectively.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
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